From the President

Dear Nevada Alumni,

Bleeding blue is a habit that sticks. For the past 20 years I’ve been to every University of Nevada, Reno Homecoming.

During my first Homecoming week, two decades ago, I had a small part in a skit about student politics in Wolves Frolic. I helped build a float as a pledge of Sigma Nu Fraternity. I tailgated with new friends in the south parking lot. During the game I sat with thousands of other students in seats behind the band on the 50-yard line. We learned what bleeding blue was all about.

As a freshman you can’t imagine approaching 40 and still having a connection with the person you were at 18. Being part of the Nevada Alumni Association makes it easy.

This year Homecoming week is Oct. 16-24 and the events offered continue to grow. The week includes reunions at the Lil’ Wal, a scavenger hunt, pancake breakfast, bonfire, gala, parade, wine tasting, pregame party, live music, barbecues and a football game.

Nevada will take on Idaho, and I will be sitting almost where I was 20 years ago—on the 50 yard line of Mackay Stadium.

This year I had the wonderful honor of serving as president of the Alumni Council. I work with an amazing staff and board who truly have the best interests of future and past students in mind.

The Alumni Association has spent the last year aiming to make events more family-friendly. We started an alumni night at the Reno Aces and skate night at Roller Kingdom. We continued successful events such as Pack Picnics, pregame parties and the Easter Egg Hunt.

We also are using alumni resources and chapters to attract new students. And we never stop looking for ways to make being a card-carrying member of the Alumni Association a great deal by partnering with local businesses to offer discounts.

I’ve changed a bit since 1989 and my first Homecoming, but it’s nice to know some things stay the same. Although I’m glad I won’t have to stay up all night to help build a float and that I can get in the Wal’ as myself.

As a Nevada alumnus, I want everyone to know I’m proud to say, Mike Dillon bleeds blue. Thank you for supporting the Nevada Alumni Association.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Dillon, Jr. ’94
President, Nevada Alumni Council
‘70s

Douglas Piirto ‘70 (renewable and natural resources) continues as a professor and department head for the Natural Resources Management Department at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Douglas has been appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger to serve on the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. He and his wife travel to Finland often to provide guest lectures and to do applied research at Seinajoki University of Applied Sciences. His grandparents were born and raised in Finland prior to immigrating to the United States.

Edwin Schenk ‘72 (agriculture) is enjoying retirement after working for City of Reno Parks and Recreation for more than 25 years. Edwin spent his years before retirement as park planning manager where he helped acquire and develop more than 15 new neighborhood parks around the community.

Steve Jones ‘73 (geology) has joined the staff of the commercial brokerage firm Fennell & Associates as an associate who specializes in retail. Steve previously worked as a professional geologist for 31 years in the mining industry in North America, South America and Europe.

‘80s

Mark Foree ‘80 (civil engineering) was recently named general manager for Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the largest water purveyor in the area. He is a registered professional civil engineer in Nevada and California and has 28 years of experience in planning, design, operation and maintenance of complex water treatment and distribution systems.

Paul Strickland ‘80 (English) was invited to provide comment for the federal review of Labour Standards in the Canada Labour Code overseen by Human Resources and Social Development Canada.

Edward Farrell ‘88 (accounting) has joined America’s largest casino, Foxwoods Resort Casino, as senior vice president of finance. Edward will support Mashantucket Pequot Gaming Enterprises President Michael Speller in directing the financial strategy of the company and analyzing opportunities for expansion. In this capacity, Edward will oversee all company accounting practices including preparing budgets, financial reports, and tax and audit functions, and will direct the projection of future company growth.

Pintor Sirait ‘88 (general studies), a sculptor, has finished a made-of-steel, 9-meter-high monument. It will become the icon of the first-ever World Ocean Conference/Coral Triangle Initiative in Manado, North Sulawesi.

Bob Devereux ‘89 (journalism) was recently transferred with State Farm Insurance to Sacramento from Woodland Hills, Calif. Bob is now responsible for California Media Relations. He has worked in State Farm’s California Public Affairs Department since joining the company 11 years ago. Bob and his wife of 19 years, Holli Kingsley Devereux, and their two children, Alex, 15, and Katie, 12, now reside in Rocklin, Calif.

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‘90s

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Kim Wujcik ’04 (journalism) and Adam Carter ’06 (journalism) were married May 16 in Las Vegas.

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communications for the organization as well as advocacy and education for direct service programs and partner agencies. She brings more than 18 years of public relations, marketing and communications experience in the Reno/Sparks area to the position.

Kathy Apple ’93M.S. (nursing) has been selected to serve on the International Council of Nurses Observatory on Licensure and Registration. The observatory consists of a small, invited cross-sectional group established to provide the ICN with feedback on emerging and future trends in regulation, strategic initiatives to be undertaken and policy stances ICN should consider.

Heidi Ayarbe ’95 (English) won the Young Adult Fiction award for Freeze Frame, a psychological exploration into the death of the teenage protagonist, Kyle’s friend Jason, by gunshot wound. Kyle, who was with him at the time, is tormented by the loss and not knowing exactly what happened. It is Heidi’s first book and was published by Laura Ger-linger Books, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers. She has traveled or lived in 25 countries, loves movies and lives in Colombia with her husband and daughter.

Donato Cabrera ’96 (applied music) was named the assistant conductor of the San Francisco Symphony and Wattis Foundation Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony Youth Orchestra beginning in September.

Style Irigoin ’99 (history), a teacher at Edward Pine Middle School in Reno, has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C. in its eighteenth annual fellowship competition. A total of 55 fellowships were awarded in 2009. James Madison Fellowships support further study of American History by college graduates who aspire to become teachers of American history, American government and social studies in the nation’s secondary schools, as well as by experienced secondary school teachers of the same subjects.

’00s

Lori Kolbert ’00 (journalism) has been promoted to the regional sales and marketing director for Wells Fargo’s Mid-Atlantic region. In this new role, she will lead the company’s sales and marketing efforts in Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Douglas Buck ’01 (civil engineering) recently joined Bowling Mamola Group, a civil engineering firm. A licensed professional...
In these tough economic times it’s always nice to save funds whenever possible. Right about now you are probably asking, “I’m doing everything I can, how can I possibly be more efficient in my everyday life?!” Do not fear, I shall help you get on the right track. Here are some ideas I have come up with along with a few from friends who choose to be financially responsible right down to the last penny.

BEGINNERS:
- Don’t waste money buying binoculars; simply stand closer to the object you wish to view.
- Clip supermarket coupons. Saving 30 cents here and 20 cents there quickly adds up to $12 by the end of your life.
- Pets are expensive and hard to care for. Instead, start naming the mice and insects that frequent your home.

INTERMEDIATE:
- Save money on water by only using the bathroom facilities at work. For advanced savers, learn to bathe in the sink at work, as well.
- Why buy hangers? Take the radio antennae off your co-workers’ vehicles and bend them into the shape you need.
- Who needs a pesky professional stylist? Learn to cut your own hair. I recommend the buzz cut for its timeless simplicity. It’s hard to mess up and don’t worry ladies: you’ll eventually get used to your new look.
- Dumpster diving for aluminum is risky and competitive. Instead, set out in your neighborhood each week before the recycling truck arrives, quickly collect all the cans that are waiting in the curbside bins, and turn them in yourself for profit.

ADVANCED:
- Can’t afford contact lenses? Cut small circles out of saran wrap and press them into your eyes.
- Gas is pricey. Three or four times a week while commuting to work, turn off your car, turn on the hazards, and ask Good Samaritans for a push to the nearest exit.
- Many of us have old gift cards lying around for places we do not want to shop. Time to turn those into valuable cash. Go to those stores and ask each customer inside if they would consider buying them from you. Try to make the transaction before security throws you out.
- Men, invest in high heels, a wig, and some inexpensive makeup. Take advantage of ladies night at your favorite bar. You may look ugly to the untrained eye, but be confident in yourself because we all know that saving is sexy.

K-von ‘03 (marketing) is both a Nevada alum and comedian. He now performs standup comedy across the nation and is preparing for his fall ’09 tour dates including an appearance in Reno during the University of Nevada, Reno’s Homecoming week festivities. Be sure to check out K-von’s schedule and look for a show near you on www.K-vonComedy.com
engineer, Doug's career experience includes planning, design and construction of potable water, reclaimed water and sanitary sewer facilities for the City of Sparks, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Washoe County Department of Water Resources and Silver Springs General Improvement District.

Meghan McGowan '02 (criminal justice) received her master’s in organizational sciences from George Washington University, located in Washington, D.C.

David Mrowiec '03 (civil engineering) has joined Pennoni Associates as lead professional engineer diver and senior engineer in its Transportation Technology Department. David has more than five years' experience with the Nevada Department of Transportation, as well as seven years' experience as a commercial diver. Davis has also conducted salvage and construction operations and diver in rotation for projects located around the world, as well as non-destructive testing and destructive testing in underwater environments and on submerged structures. He will lead teams on bridge and underwater inspection projects for a variety of clients.

Paul Klein '03 (criminal justice) has been appointed as a liaison to the City of Reno Arts and Culture Commission. Paul is also the vice-chairman of the City of Reno Recreation and Parks Commission, which reviews acquisition and development plans and maintenance practices for the park system.

Kyle Conder '04 (history) was promoted to assistant provost for athletics compliance at Tulane University in New Orleans. In this capacity, he manages all aspects of Tulane's athletics compliance program for 14 Division I sports teams and more than 250 student-athletes.

Melissa Molyneaux '06 (marketing), an associate with the Reno office of Colliers International, has earned her Certified Commercial Investment Member designation. A CCIM is a recognized expert in the disciplines of commercial and investment real estate.
# Home Football Tailgates

**Spice Up The Game**

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**Lifetime Members:** FREE  
**Annual Members:** $10 per person  
**Non-Members:** $15 per person  
**Children 12 and under:** $5

For more information, visit www.unr.edu/alumni or call 775.784.6620 or 888.NV ALUMS.

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All home tailgate parties begin two hours prior to kickoff. Space is limited, so stop by early. Located in Wolf Pack Alley north of Mackay Stadium under the big blue pavilion.